

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19, is being amended as follows:

Fig. 1 schematically shows an apparatus used for the production of a polarizing film in Example 3 2.

The paragraph beginning on page 12, line 16, is being amended as follows:

The aqueous solution (1), which was recycled from the treating bath (3), was returned to the tank (2) through the pipe (10), the lower end of which was submerged under the surface of the aqueous solution (1) in the tank ~~(3)~~ (2). In addition, the aqueous solution (1) in the tank (2) was continuously agitated with the agitator (13).